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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1887.

The Constitution--The Omnipotent.

The letter which we printed yesterday from Acting President OSERLEY, of the United States Civil-Service Commission, was a rare document. The fact is, the President of the United States has the power under the Constitution to remove all removable officers at will, and it cannot be taken from him by act of Congress. Congress passed the tenure-of-office bill during Andrew Johnson's Administration, and it remained upon the statute-book some ten years; but at last the members of Congress became ashamed of themselves and repealed that unconstitutional law. The President and his Cabinet must be allowed to displace all officers for whose acts the people hold them responsible.

A civil-pension list would close upon the establishment by law of an office-holding class. The people will never consent to the creation of such a class. They know too well that the persons in office are no better than those not in office; and the propositions, first, to appoint to office none but the educated classes; and, second, to tax the unsuccessful applicants for office in order to provide a competency for the successful applicants--we say, this system can never become popular in a free government.

The Bill of Rights of Virginia, which is a part of our State Constitution, declares in the words of that great statesman GEORGE MASON, that "the members of" "the legislative, executive, and judicial powers" should at fixed periods be reduced to a private station--return into that body from which they were originally taken." For what reason? The Bill of Rights answers: That they may "be restrained from oppression by feeling and participating in the burtheness of the people."

Colonel T. H. DENNIS and GEORGE T. ABBAGNE have bought the *Greenbrier Independent*. Our old friend B. F. HANLOW retires to his farm.

The Southern Clinic for September is out. C. A. BAVER, M. D., editor and proprietor, Richmond, Va.

BRIEF COMMENT.

"There is talk in Chicago now of a milk 'trust.' There is of necessity a milk trust in every city."

Judge TOURGEOE's new novel is to be about "Black Ice." The scene must be laid on the frozen Niger.

FRED DONNELLEY would as well understand first as last that SHAKESPEARE'S *Timon of Athens* will never have another such opportunity.

It is reported that the Socialist party will swallow BENNY BUTLER. We hope it will. That frat will end the Socialist party.

In Pennsylvania one cannot contest a will without giving security for costs in advance. As a rule it would be cheaper to give your wife the bones and say no more about it.

Without rhyme or reason MURAT HALSTEAD puts the following query: "Would Mr. CLEVELAND be willing to march under old Union battle-flag?" But with considerable reason it might be asked, Would HALSTEAD be willing to march under a portrait of GRANT, whom he abominated in unmeasured terms?

New Books.

Moral Men of Letters, Edited by JOHN MORLEY. Gray by EDWARD W. GOOSE. New York: HARPER & BROTHERS. 1887. Price in paper 25 cents. For sale by WEST, JOHNSTON & CO.

A Book for the Hammock, By CHARLES HUSSELL. New York: HARPER & BROTHERS. 1887. Price in paper 20 cents. For sale by WEST, JOHNSTON & CO.

The Romance of the Cannons, By PAUL LITTON, author of "In Paradise," etc. Translated from the German by J. M. PERCIVAL. New York: D. APPLETON & CO. 1887. Price in paper 50 cents. For sale by WEST, JOHNSTON & CO.

His Helpmate, By FRANK BARRETT, author of "The Great Hesper," "Honest Davy," etc. New York: D. APPLETON & CO. 1887. Price in paper 20 cents. For sale by WEST, JOHNSTON & CO.

Appliances, By STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ALEXANDRIA, Va., Sept. 8, 1887.

The following appointments for public speaking are announced. Unless otherwise indicated, county-seats are always intended when the name of the county is only published:

HON. CHARLES T. O'FERRAL, Monday, September 10, 1887. HON. JOHN E. MASSEY, Henry, Monday, October 10th. Patrick, Tuesday, October 25th. Patrick, local--same week. JOHN S. BARBOUR, Chairman. W. W. Scott, Secretary.

The Council has refused to appropriate \$15,000 to the laying of the cornerstone of the Lee monument next month. When the capital city of Virginia refuses this paltry sum for the object stated--beginning the erection of a monument to Robert E. Lee--well may the entire country be amazed and the South particularly hang its head in shame. *--Hailfax Record.*

Pleasant to the taste and surprisingly moist in relieving Coughs and Colds, it is not at all strange that Dr. Ball's Cough Syrup has dispensed so many other Cough remedies.

Could anything demonstrate the wisdom of establishing in every State in the Union a State Medical Examining Board such as Virginia has? The colleges whose standards are high have nothing to fear from the boards, while on the other hand it is the duty of legisla-

THE SOUTH SIDE.

POLITICAL MATTERS--REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Three Robberies--Looking for a Pastor--Cattle-Thieves at Work--Centennial Celebration, &c.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., Sept. 9, 1887.

The Republican nominations for the General Assembly will all be made, or are expected to be made, during the month of September.

Three robberies were committed in this city during the past two nights, and strange to say in each case a set of horses was the article stolen. Mr. H. A. Taylor, Mr. O. J. Taylor, and Mr. W. M. Jones are the sufferers.

A meeting of the committee of the First Baptist church met last night to discuss the matter of calling a pastor to succeed the Rev. E. C. Dargan, who has gone to California. No action was taken, and after an informal discussion the committee adjourned until next Wednesday night. It is understood that the committee have two or three eminent ministers in their eye.

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2. The *Dispatch* did not, though we could conscientiously have done so. We cannot answer for the *Whig*. On principle, we object to the entire internal-revenue system, and therefore, though we did and do not object to taxing oleomargarine so long as that system is allowed to last, yet we would gladly see all internal taxes abolished.

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